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Re Application of

Sawazaki, et al.

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2003, please consider the following comments.

REMARKS

Entry of this Request for Reconsideration under 37 CFR §1.116 is proper, since no new claims are added, no new issues are raised, and arguments presented herein clarify the issues for appeal. That is, the Examiner introduces a new ground of rejection based on newly-cited reference, US Patent 5,777,350 to Nakamura et al. Applicants have not had a chance to respond to this new rejection.

Additionally, Applicants take this opportunity prior to Appeal to clarify specifically how the rejections currently of record fail to satisfy the claim limitations. It is noted that some of the rejections go back considerably in time and contain legal and factual errors in analysis that are identified herein (in some cases, for the first time on the record). These errors must be addressed by the Examiner prior to proceeding to Appeal.

It is noted that, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements,